

## **ABSTRACT**

Human monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) which bind to human  $TNF\alpha$ . Autoantibodies of both the IgM and IgG isotypes are disclosed. A preferred human monoclonal antibody is known as B5 (F78-1A10-B5 mAb) and it binds to recombinant human  $TNF\alpha$  (rhTNF $\alpha$ ) in ELISA format with a titer comparable to three high affinity neutralizing mouse mAbs. It also binds to cell surface  $TNF\alpha$  and prevents  $TNF\alpha$  secretion by human monocyte cell lines.